

HHS Appropriations Subcommittee

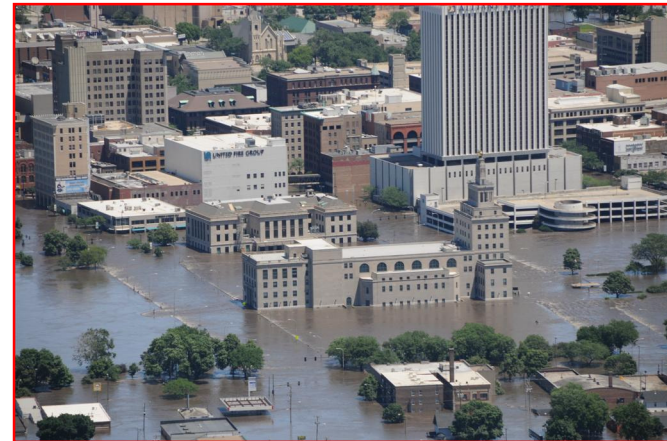
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Health Care Reform Act (HF2539)

- The most comprehensive health reform legislation passed by any state
- The legislation contains 15 divisions with focus on access, cost, and quality
- IDPH tasked with overseeing activities in six divisions of the Act.

Flood of 2008



Division V: Iowa Health Information Technology System

- Establishes an Electronic Health Information Advisory Council and Executive Committee of the Council under IDPH
- The Executive Committee tasked with developing a statewide health information technology plan by July 1, 2009
- The State Board of Health shall approve the plan prior to implementation
- IDPH appropriation - \$190,000 (2 FTEs)

Division V: Iowa Health Information Technology System

Progress to date:

- Advisory Council and Executive Committee have been appointed.
- Temporary employee hired to coordinate work of Advisory Council and Executive Committee through July 1, 2009
- 2 FTEs vacant – positions not filled due to hiring freeze
- Convened the first meeting of the group on January 16, 2009
- Decision made to actively pursue federal funds to further efforts toward a statewide health IT system

Division VIII: Medical Home

- Establishes a Medical Home System Advisory Council to assist with development of a medical home system in Iowa.
- Initial focus will be on ensuring children and adults on publicly funded health care programs have access to a medical home (Medicaid, HAWK-I, and Iowa Care).
- IDPH authorized to adopt standards for certifying medical homes based on NCQA.
- Advisory Council tasked with identifying incentives for providers to become medical homes.
- Final recommendations for system are to be approved by the State Board of Health.
- IDPH appropriation - \$165,600 (4 FTEs)

Division VIII: Medical Home

Progress:

- Advisory Council has been appointed.
- 2 FTEs filled prior to hiring freeze – one of the FTEs is being shared with PCCM
- 2 FTEs vacant due to hiring freeze
- The Advisory Council has held three meetings so far – Nov through Jan
- Draft plan is being drafted
- The Advisory Council is actively pursuing federal grant opportunities.

Division IX: Prevention and Chronic Care Management

- Establishes a Prevention and Chronic Care Management Advisory Council in IDPH tasked with developing a statewide plan.
- Plan is due no later than July 1, 2009, and approval by the State Board of Health is required.
- Requires the establishment of a Clinicians Advisory Council to advise and recommend clinically appropriate practices regarding the medical home and chronic care management initiatives.
- IDPH's appropriation - \$190,500

Division IX: Prevention and Chronic Care Management

Progress:

- Appointments made to the PCCM Advisory Committee and the Clinicians Advisory Council
- PCCM Advisory Council has held two meetings (Nov and Dec) and meetings are scheduled through June.
- Clinicians Advisory Council met on Dec. 18, 2008 – quarterly meetings scheduled
- Current IDPH staff temporarily re-assigned to assist PCCM Advisory Council
- The PCCM Advisory Council is actively pursuing federal funds to support efforts.

Division XII: Health and Long-Term Care Access

- IDPH is tasked with developing a statewide health care delivery infrastructure and health care workforce resources strategic plan
- IDPH is to conduct data collection that provides a basis for health care strategic planning and policymaking
- The plan is due to the Governor and General Assembly by January 1, 2010 and every two years after
- IDPH's appropriation - \$172,200 (3 FTEs)

Division XII: Health and Long-Term Care Access

Progress:

- HLTCA Advisory Council has been appointed.
- The Advisory Council has held two meetings to date (Nov and Jan).
- 2 FTEs filled prior to hiring freeze
- Decision made by Advisory Council to focus on workforce during first year of plan development

Division XIII: Prevention and Wellness Initiatives

Three parts to this division:

- Community Wellness Grants - \$900,000 (3 FTEs)
- Governor's Council on Physical Fitness \$112,100
- Small Business Tax Credits for Qualified Wellness Programs

Division XIII: Prevention and Wellness Initiatives

Progress:

- Combined state funds with \$1.4 million earmark from Senator Harkin – making a total of \$2 million available for Iowa communities
- 3 FTEs filled to provide grants management and technical assistance to communities
- Two rounds of grants distributed – Sept 1 and Dec 1

Division XIII: Prevention and Wellness Initiatives

Progress:

- The Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Nutrition has been meeting regularly since Nov.
- Working closely with outside stakeholders also concerned with increasing physical activity and improving nutrition to develop statewide plan

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Progress:

- Small Business Qualified Wellness Program Tax Credit Plan
- Workgroup met three times in Nov and Dec
- Plan was submitted to Governor Culver and General Assembly on December 15, 2008.

Division XV: Direct Care Workforce

- Establishes a Direct Care Worker Advisory Council in IDPH to guide the department regarding regulation and certification of direct care workers (DCW)
- Advisory Council is required to submit a report by November 30, 2008 with certification of DCWs beginning prior to July 1, 2009

Division XV: Direct Care Workforce

Progress:

- The Direct Care Worker Advisory Council has been appointed.
- The membership has met informally over the last two years to discuss the issue of certification.
- Report with recommendations submitted to IDPH director and currently being reviewed

Questions?

Thank You

